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PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce—Transactions of service, month of September, 1908.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ferrer-Torres reports, October 2, through Acting Chief Quarantine Officer Atilas:

Month of September, 1908.

Vessels inspected.....	7
Vessels in quarantine.....	4
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming.....	140
In transit.....	403
Passengers in quarantine.....	9
Immigrants inspected.....	41
Rejections.....	0
Members of crews inspected.....	353
Bills of health issued.....	22

RUSSIA.

Report from Odessa—Cholera in city and vicinity—Measures to prevent spread.

Vice-Consul Smith reports, September 25:

On the evening of September 11 a man was brought to the town hospital of Odessa and died during the night.

Bacteriological examination proved the case to be one of cholera. After this, the first case of cholera in this city during this season, 11 more positive cases occurred, with 8 deaths. All the patients (except one who had come to Odessa from another locality) were from the same place, about 5 miles from the town proper, which is situated in the outlying portion of the suburb called the Peresyp. This part is low-lying and water-saturated ground over which are scattered the ill-kept dwellings of the poor. The cause of the trouble was traced to a brackish well from which water had been taken for washing purposes and which had also possibly been drunk. Upon a careful examination the water from this well was found to be infected with cholera.

Forty-seven persons who had come in contact with the patients were removed to a sanitarium in the town and are under careful medical observation. The dwellings were subjected to most rigorous disinfection and still remain closed.

Within the last six days only one additional case has been reported. Although cholera has appeared also in most of the principal towns of this district, in all instances the deaths were few and the cases of sickness not numerous.

Report from Riga—Appearance of cholera—Preventive measures—Water supply abundant and satisfactory.

Consul de Soto reports, September 26:

The first case of Asiatic cholera occurred in this city September 25, the patient dying in twenty-four hours. Since the outbreak of the disease in St. Petersburg the preventive measures prescribed at Riga have been as follows: